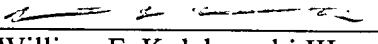


REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the notice of allowance with respect to claims 1-15. Applicant has amended claims 5, 11 and 14 to clarify the recitation of Applicant's invention. In particular, in claim 5 the word "apparatus" in the preamble has been replaced by "assembly" for consistency with the claim from which it depends. In claim 11, the dependency of the claim has been changed from claim 9 to claim 10 to provide proper antecedent basis for terms within claim 11. Finally, in claims 5 and 14, the words "washer retaining feature" and "thrust washer retaining feature", respectively, have been amended to "outer retaining feature" to promote consistency with independent claim 1 from which claims 5 and 14 depend. Applicant submits that the amendments add no new matter and requests entry of same pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a). If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney..

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